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GIBBONS HOUSE Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware

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Owner:

Caroline J. Ramsay

Date of Erection:

About 1830

Builder: Not definitely known, but supposed to have been Elijah Huxley.

Present Condition: Good. Exterior is practically unchanged from its original appearance, but the interior has been remodeled into several small apartments, and also houses the Wilmington Student Orchestra.

Number of Stories: Two and one half with basement.

Materials of Construction: Erick walls; wood frame interiors; wood shingle roof. Marble steps and lintels.

Other Existing Records: Offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills of New Castle County; Article in Wilmington Every Evening Jan. 10, 1914.

Additional Data: This is one of four houses, built by James Price for his three sons and a daughter, this one for the daughter, Mary, who married Edmund Canby. All four are located in the same block and on the same side of Market Street, or as it was known at the time of their erection, Brandywine Walk. This house shows, as does the one at 1301 Market Street (Del-28) an interesting use of Greek motifs applied to a Colonial design, not an unusual practice during the Greek Revival era in Delaware. Note the broad chimneys with connecting wall masking the gable end, and the long service ell to the rear of the main house.

Mistrict Officer